



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 111

February Session, 2012

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR CAUSING HARM TO A
VULNERABLE USER OF A PUBLIC WAY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) As used in subsection
2 (b) of this section, (1) "vulnerable user" means: (A) A pedestrian; (B) a
3 highway worker; (C) a person riding or driving an animal; (D) a
4 person riding a bicycle; (E) a person using a skateboard, roller skates
5 or inline skates; (F) a person operating or riding on an agricultural
6 tractor; and (G) a person using a wheelchair or motorized chair, and
7 (2) "public way" includes any state or other public highway, road,
8 street, avenue, alley, driveway, parkway or place, under the control of
9 the state or any political subdivision of the state, dedicated,
10 appropriated or opened to public travel or other use.

11 (b) Any person operating a motor vehicle on a public way who fails
12 to exercise reasonable care and causes the serious physical injury or
13 death of a vulnerable user of a public way, provided such vulnerable
14 user has shown reasonable care in such user's use of the public way,
15 shall be required to attend a motor vehicle operator's retraining
16 program and to perform community service and may be fined not
17 more than one thousand dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
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